

PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Thursday, September 11, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Campbell, Ken Topping, Tim Murphy, Eric Meyer and Jim Irving

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-028**

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION  
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, CHAPTER  
3, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, IN THE INLAND AND COASTAL  
FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING DOCUMENTS, PART I OF THE LAND USE AND  
CIRCULATION ELEMENTS

WHEREAS, State Law requires that a General Plan be adopted; and

WHEREAS, Land Use and Circulation Element of the San Luis Obispo General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 22, 1980, and is a proper element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, public necessity, convenience and general welfare requires that the elements of a General Plan be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of San Luis Obispo held public hearings on July 24 and September 11, 2014, to consider the San Luis Obispo County General Plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at the conclusion of the public hearing, recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors of the amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Chapter 3, Resource Management System, in the Inland and Coastal Framework for Planning documents, Part I of the Land Use and Circulation Elements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Planning

Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that the Amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Chapter 3, Resource Management System, in the Inland and Coastal Framework for Planning documents, Part I of the Land Use and Circulation Elements be adopted as follows: Adopt the Amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Chapter 3, Resource Management System, in the Inland and Coastal Framework for Planning documents, Part I of the Land Use and Circulation Elements and the exhibits listed below, and which are expressly referred to as follows:

- a. Exhibit LRP2008-00013:A - Findings, and
- b. Exhibit LRP2008-00013:B – Amendments to the Framework for Planning (Inland), and
- c. Exhibit LRP2008-00013:C - Amendments to the Coastal Framework for Planning.

On motion of Commissioner Irving, no second required, and on the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Topping, Meyer, Campbell, Murphy, Meyer and Irving

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

/s/ Tim Murphy  
Chairman of the Planning Commission

ATTEST:

/s/ Ramona Hedges  
Secretary, Planning Commission

**EXHIBIT A – FINDINGS**  
**LRP 2008-00013 (Resource Management System)**

*Environmental Determination*

- A. This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption]

*Amendment*

- B. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Land Use Element and other adopted elements of the general plan because the changes are consistent with the general goals of the Land Use Element, the Conservation and Open Space Element, and the Agriculture Element to focus on efficient use and conservation of our existing resources and to maintain water resources for all users, including production agriculture.
- C. The proposed amendments will clarify and improve the RMS by:
1. Revising the data collection, evaluation, and Level of Severity determination to match which agencies report the relevant data;
  2. Recalculating lead times for responding to Levels of Severity for resources, as well as providing a greater palette of recommended actions;
  3. Adding freeway interchanges as a monitored resource;
  4. Adding monitoring criteria and recommended actions for parks;
  5. Expanding and improving the section on water supply and systems; and
  6. Ensuring that the Inland and Coastal versions of the RMS are consistent with each other, except where an issue is specific to the coastal zone.
- D. The proposed amendments will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the area residents by revising an existing resource management alert system. The RMS provides an information and process framework for the Board of Supervisors to take action to ensure sustainable capacities of resources such as water, wastewater, and air quality. Ensuring a County process that protects these resources will directly help to protect the public health safety and welfare of residents.